

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/885,375

Examiner

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Art Unit

2637

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 12/15/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,5, 8 - 10.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see page 5, filed 12/15/05, with respect to 112, 1st paragraph rejection of claim 1 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 112, 1st paragraph rejection of claim 1 has been withdrawn in view of amended claim.
2. Applicant's arguments, see page 6, filed 12/15/05, with respect to 112, 2nd paragraph rejection of claim 1 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 112, 2nd paragraph rejection of claim 1 has been withdrawn in view of amended claim.
3. Applicant's arguments, see page 6, filed 12/15/05, with respect to 112, 2nd paragraph rejection of claim 8 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 112, 2nd paragraph rejection of claim 8 has been withdrawn in view of amended claim.
4. Applicant's arguments, see page 6, filed 12/15/05, with respect to 102 (e) paragraph rejection of claim 8 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 102 (e) paragraph rejection of claim 8 has been withdrawn in view of amended claim.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
6. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven Smith (Reg.# 36,684) on 3/2/06.

7. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 8.

8. A method for estimating a transmission channel in a digital communications system which operates in accordance with GSM specifications, said communications system including a receiver having a channel estimation-based equalizer, said method comprising:

receiving in the receiver, a signal transmitted over the transmission channel, said received signal including a 26-symbol training sequence;

adapting a window size of the equalizer to an actual delay spread of the transmission channel;

using in the equalizer an estimate of the transmission channel for synchronizing and correcting the received signal; and

estimating without matrix inversion, the transmission channel for different channel spans m , where $1 \leq m \leq 8$, using at different synchronization points, the last $m+15$ consecutive symbols of the 26-symbol training sequence except for a group of symbols comprising the last four or fewer symbols.

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

While the use of training sequences is well known in the art, applicant's claimed invention utilizing an offset from center and variable length training sequence according to channel characteristics, along with the specifics associated with this operation, does not appear to be anticipated or rendered obvious by prior art.

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9. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

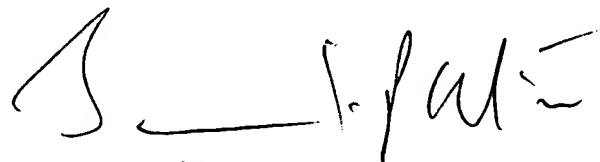
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Meek whose telephone number is (571)272-3013. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 - 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on (571)272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO CLAIM 8

As per the telephone conference between Examiner Meek and Applicant's attorney, Steven W. Smith, suggested amendments to claim 8 are attached on page 2.

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8. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for~~ of estimating a transmission channel in a digital communications system which operates in accordance with GSM specifications, said communications system including a receiver ~~which receives a signal transmitted over the transmission channel, said receiver including~~ having a channel estimation-based equalizer, said method comprising:

receiving in the receiver, a signal transmitted over the transmission channel, said received signal including a 26-symbol training sequence;

equalizer having adapting a window size ~~adapted of the equalizer to the an~~ actual delay spread of the transmission channel, ~~and said equalizer;~~

using in the equalizer, an estimate of the transmission channel for synchronizing and correcting said the received signal, said received signal including a 26-symbol training sequence, said method comprising; and

estimating without matrix inversion, the transmission channel for different channel spans m , where $1 \leq m \leq 8$, using at different synchronization points, the last $m+15$ consecutive symbols of the 26-symbol training sequence except for a group of symbols comprising the last four or fewer symbols.